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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARMS FOR YEMEN

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1. ON MARCH 17 I CALLED ON PRESIDENT AL-HAMDI TO DISCUSS VARIOUS SUBJECTS FOLLOWING MY RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS. DURING TALKS I RAISED THE QUESTION OF NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES. FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE IN REFTEL I SPELLED OUT US POLICY WITH REGARD BOTH TO DIRECT PRUCHASES BY YEMEN GOVT AS WELL AS INDIRECT PURCHASES THROUGH A THIRD COUNTRY, SPECIFICALLY SAUDI ARABIA. AL-HAMDI ASSURED ME HE UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR SUCH ASSURANCES AND NOTED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO HAVE THIS REQUIREMENT. HE SAID THAT IN CASE OF DIRECT PURCHASES FROM THE US THE YEMEN GOVT IS PREPARED TO SIGN WHATEVER DOCUMENTS THE US GOVT REQUIRES. WITH REGARD TO PURCHASES BY SAUDI GOVT FOR YEMENI USE, HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HE PREFERRED THAT THE USG DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE SAUDI GOVT AND THAT THESAUDI GOVT THEN APPROACH THE YEMENI GOVT TO SPELL OUT INDETAIL WHAT IS REQUIRED. IF AMONG REQUIREMENTS IT IS NECESSARY FOR YEMENI GOVT TO PROVIDE USG WITH ASSURANCES HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD PRESENT NO DIFFICULTY.

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2. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE CONVERSATION I BELIEVE

IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO BRIEF THE SAUDIS ON THIS MATTER
AND TO REQUEST THAT DURING THE SULTAN TRIP THEY DESCRIBE
IN DETAIL TO THE YEMENIS WHAT IS REQUIRED, PERHAPS
PASSING ON TO THEM A COPY OF THE LETTER TO BE GIVEN BY
THE YARG TO THE EMBASSY HERE. I AM NOT QUITE SURE
WHY AL-HAMDI IS INSISTING THAT THIS MATTER BE HANDLED
THROUGH SAUDIS EXCEPT THIS MAY BE HIS WAY OF EMPHASIZING
THE NEED FOR THE SAUDIS TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE
YEMENIS ON WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE A BILATERAL MATTER.
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